

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a toner comprising:
pulverizing a resin composition with a jet type pulverizer comprising a venturi nozzle
and an impact member arranged so as to face the venturi nozzle,
wherein the impact member [[is]] includes a cylindrical member of which a bottom is
in a form of a part of a true circle or an oval, wherein the cylindrical member comprises an
impact side on a curved side, and the impact side faces toward an inlet of the venturi nozzle,
wherein an axis of the cylindrical member is disposed at a non-zero angle relative to a
longitudinal axis of the venturi nozzle, and
wherein the axis of the cylindrical member ~~intersects the part of the true circle or the~~
~~oval is parallel to the impact side facing toward the inlet of the venturi nozzle.~~

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the
impact member is arranged to face an outlet of the nozzle so that a most projected part is
located on an extension of a central shaft of the venturi nozzle.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the
venturi nozzle comprises an inlet, a throat part, a diffuser part, and an outlet in that order,
wherein an inner side of said throat part forms a smooth, continuous arc starting from the
inlet to the diffuser part.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the venturi nozzle comprises an inlet, a throat part, a diffuser part, a straight part, and an outlet in that order.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the resin composition is mixed with a fine inorganic particle, and thereafter the mixture is fed to the jet type pulverizer.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 17, wherein the fine inorganic particle is made of silica.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the resin composition comprises a resin binder comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyesters, vinyl resins such as styrene-acrylic resins, epoxy resins, polycarbonates, polyurethanes, and a hybrid resin in which two or more resin components are partially chemically bonded.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the resin composition is a resin composition having a particle size of 3 mm or less, obtained by melt-kneading a mixture comprising a resin binder and a colorant, and thereafter pulverizing the mixture.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the toner has a volume-average particle size of 7 μm or less.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): A jet type pulverizer comprising:
a venturi nozzle; and
an impact member arranged so as to face the venturi nozzle,
wherein the impact member [[is]] includes a cylindrical member of which bottom is in
a form of a part of a true circle or an oval, wherein the cylindrical member comprises an
impact side on a curved side and the impact side faces toward an inlet of the venturi nozzle,
wherein an axis of the cylindrical member is disposed at a non-zero angle relative to a
longitudinal axis of the venturi nozzle, and
wherein the axis of the cylindrical member ~~intersects the part of the true circle or oval~~
is parallel to the impact side facing toward the inlet of the venturi nozzle.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the
non-zero angle is a right-angle.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, further
comprising arranging the axis of the cylindrical member horizontally with respect to gravity,
wherein the direction of the impact of the product to be pulverized is parallel to a horizontal
surface of the cylindrical member.

Claim 26-27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (New): A process for preparing a toner comprising:

pulverizing a resin composition with a jet type pulverizer comprising a venturi nozzle and an impact member arranged so as to face the venturi nozzle, the resin composition flowing in a direction of travel toward the impact member,

wherein the impact member includes a cylindrical member of which a bottom is in a form of a part of a true circle or an oval,

wherein the cylindrical member comprises a curved impact side facing toward an inlet of the venturi nozzle, and

wherein a cross-sectional area of the cylindrical member including the curved impact side facing toward the inlet of the venturi nozzle is constant.

Claim 29 (New): The process according to claim 28, wherein a radius of curvature of the curved impact side is constant.

Claim 30 (New): The process according to claim 28, wherein the cross-sectional area of the curved side is constant taken along a direction perpendicular to the direction of travel of the resin composition.

Claim 31 (New): The process according to claim 30, wherein the direction perpendicular to the direction of travel of the resin composition is horizontal.

Claim 32 (New): The process according to claim 28, wherein the cylindrical member includes first and second flat surfaces, and the first flat surface is disposed at first end of the cylindrical member opposite a second end of the cylindrical member on which the second flat surface is disposed.

Claim 33 (New): The process according to claim 33, wherein the first and second flat surfaces are vertical.

Claim 34 (New): The process according to claim 13, wherein the axis of the cylindrical member is an axis of symmetry in at least one plane.